

# Announcements

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□ 1<sup>st</sup> EXAM on *Tuesday, Feb. 14!*

□ Homework for tomorrow...

Ch. 28: CQ 3, Probs. 12, 34, & 37

26.40: a.  $E = KQ/(r^2 - L^2/4)$     b.  $\lim_{r \gg L} E \rightarrow KQ/r^2$

c.  $E = 9.8 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$

CQ4: a. same    b. same

28.2:  $2.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

28.4:  $2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$

□ Office hours...

MW 10-11 am

TR 9-10 am

F 12-1 pm

□ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

MTWR 8-6 pm

F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm

Su 1-5 pm

# Chapter 28

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## The Electric Potential (*The Electric Potential*)

## *Last time...*

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*Electric Potential Energy* between 2 pt. charges...

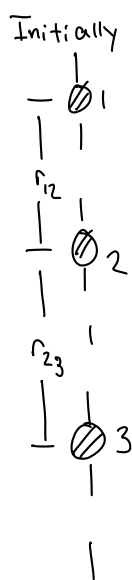
$$U_{elec} = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{r}$$

i.e. 28.4:

## Launching an electron

Three electrons are spaced 1.0 mm apart along a vertical line. The outer two electrons are fixed in position.

- Is the center electron at a point of stable or unstable equilibrium?
- If the center electron is displaced horizontally by a small distance, what will its speed be when it is very far away?



$$qe = e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_{12} = r_{23} = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{F}_{32} = \vec{F}_{12}$$

Final

$$K_0 + u_0 = K_1 + u_1$$

$$\frac{Kq_1q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Kq_2q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{Kq_1q_3}{r_{13}} = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2$$

$$\frac{2Ke^2}{r} = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2$$

$$\frac{4Ke^2}{r} = mv_2^2$$

$$\frac{4Ke^2}{rm} = v_2^2$$

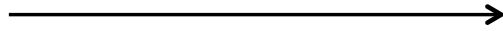
$$v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{4Ke^2}{rm}}$$

## 28.4: The Electric Potential

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$$\vec{F}_{on\ q}$$

*Force on  $q$ , due to  
some source charge*



$$\vec{E} \equiv \frac{\vec{F}_{on\ q}}{q}$$

*Electric field, due to  
some source charge*

$$U_q + sources$$

*Potential energy  
between  $q$  & source*



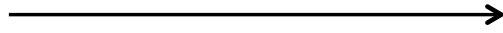
*Potential energy  
per charge?*

## 28.4: The Electric Potential

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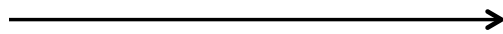


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$$V \equiv \frac{U_q + sources}{q}$$

*Potential of  
source charge*

# The Electric Potential

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$$V \equiv \frac{U_{q + \text{sources}}}{q}$$

or

$$U_{q + \text{source}} = qV$$

Electric Potential

$$V = \frac{u_{st}}{q} \quad u_{st} = qV$$

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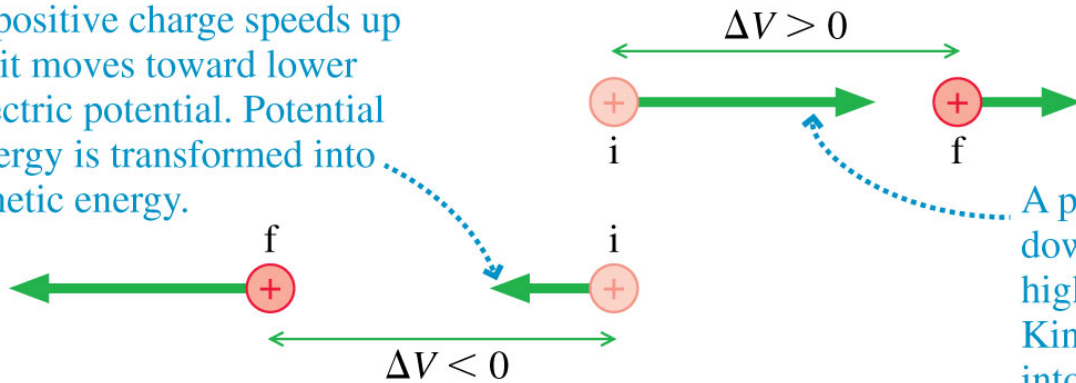
$$1 \text{ Volt} = 1V \equiv 1 \frac{J}{C}$$

Notice:

- ▣ The *electric potential*, like the *E*-field, is a property of *source* charge(s).

# Using the Electric Potential...

A positive charge speeds up as it moves toward lower electric potential. Potential energy is transformed into kinetic energy.



A positive charge slows down as it moves toward higher electric potential. Kinetic energy is transformed into potential energy.

Lower potential

Direction of increasing  $V$

Higher potential

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For  $+q$  moving to the *right*:

- $V$  increases,  $U$  increases,  $K$  decreases

For  $+q$  moving to the *left*:

- $V$  decreases,  $U$  decreases,  $K$  increases

□ What about for a  $-q$ ?



i.e. 28.6:

## Moving through a potential difference

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A proton with a speed of  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$  enters a region of space in which source charges have created an electric potential.

What is the proton's speed after it moves through a potential difference of  $100\text{V}$ ?

What will be the final speed if the proton is replaced by an electron?

$$v_0 = 2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta V = 100 \text{ V}$$

$$v_2 = ?$$

$$m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$V = \frac{u}{q}$$

$$K_0 + u_0 = K_1 + u_1$$

$$K_0 - (u_1 - u_0) = K_1$$

$$\Delta u = u_2 - u_1 = qV_2 - qV_1 = q(\Delta V)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 - q(\Delta V) = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{mv_0^2 - 2q(\Delta V)}{m}} = v_1$$

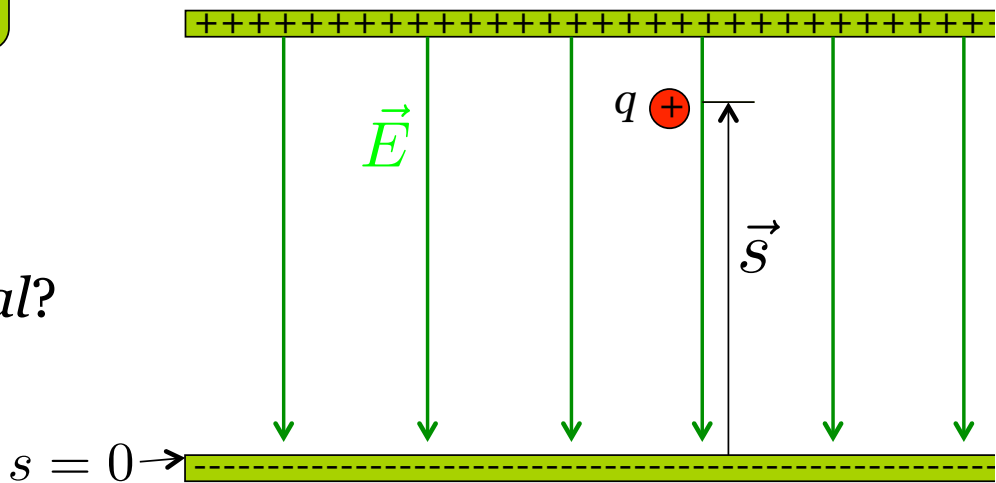
$$v_1 = 1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

## 28.5: The Electric Potential Inside a Parallel-Plate Capacitor

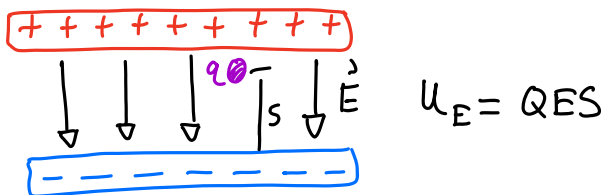
The *Electric Potential Energy* of a charge  $q$  in the *uniform  $E$ -field* of a parallel-plate capacitor is...

$$U_{elec} = qEs$$

□ So, what's the *Electric Potential*?



Electric Potential Energy  
Within Parallel Plate Capacitor



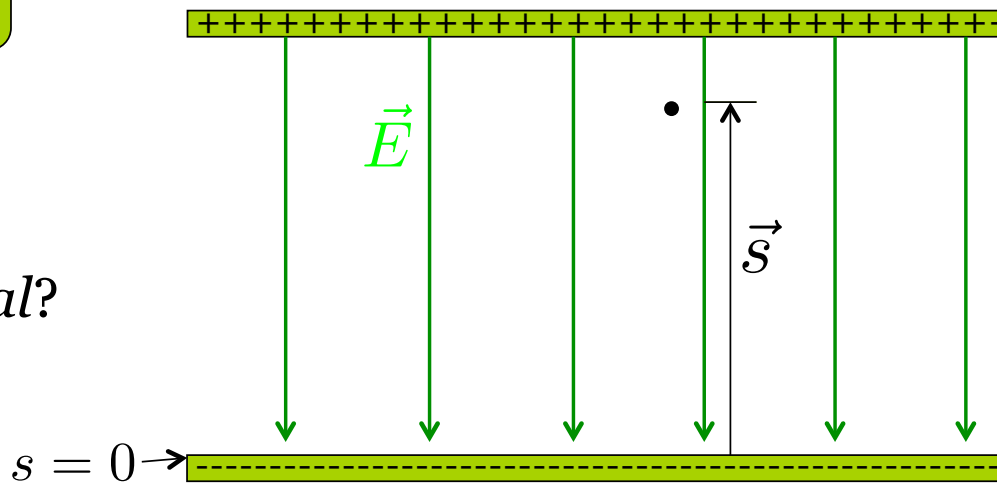
## 28.5: The Electric Potential inside a Parallel-Plate Capacitor

The *Electric Potential Energy* of a charge  $q$  in the *uniform  $E$ -field* of a parallel-plate capacitor is...

$$U_{elec} = qEs$$

So, what's the  
*Electric Potential*?

$$V = Es$$

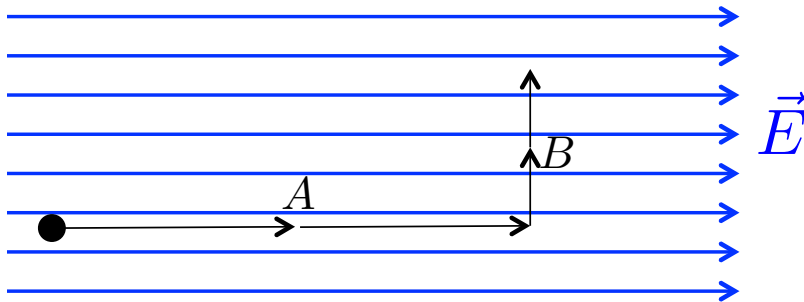


where  $s$  is the distance from the *negative electrode*.

## Quiz Question 1

A *negative* charge is moving through an *electric field* along a path consisting of 2 legs (*A* & *B*). Let  $W$  represent the work done by the field, and  $\Delta V$  the change in potential.

Which of the following statements is/are true:



I.  $W_A > 0$

II.  $W_B > 0$

III.  $\Delta V_A < 0$

IV.  $\Delta V_A > 0$

1. I only
2. I and II
3. III only
4. I and III
5. II and IV